

## Message Text

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETEL, FI  
SUBJECT: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE LAUNCH  
VEHICLES

REF: STATE 006031

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE PRESENTATIONS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND  
POST AND TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION (PTT) ON THE ADVANTAGES OF  
SELECTING THE SPACE SHUTTLE AS INTELSAT'S LAUNCH VEHICLE. AT  
THE PTT WE SPOKE WITH JORMA NIKKILA, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE  
FOREIGN DIVISION, AND TERHO HAIKKONEN, CHIEF OF THE RESEARCH  
SECTION OF PTT'S RADIO DIVISION. NIKKILA IS THE NORDIC  
MEMBER ON INTELSAT'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND HAIKKONEN HAS  
SERVED IN A TECHNICAL ADVISORY CAPACITY TO INTELSAT.

2. NIKKILA'S COMMENTS WERE NONCOMMITTAL BUT HAIKKONEN  
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE ARE NO COMPETITIVE ALTERN-  
TIVES TO THE SHUTTLE, DESPITE DRAWBACKS. THESE DRAWBACKS  
ARE PRINCIPALLY THE COST OF A MOTOR TO KICK THE SATELLITE  
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INTO A HIGHER ORBIT THAN THE SHUTTLE CAN CARRY IT TO  
AND POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING NASA COMMITMENTS  
FOR SPACE ABOARD THE SHUTTLE SHOULD INTELSAT'S TIMETABLE  
SLIP.

3. THE FRENCH APPARENTLY HAVE NOT PERSONALLY APPROACHED  
MFA OR PTT OFFICIALS, BUT THE LATTER HAVE RECEIVED LITERATURE

ON ARIANE.  
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